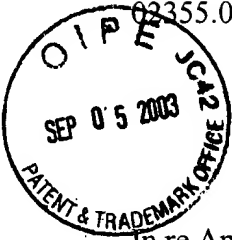


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The documents were recently cited in a European Search Report, which is dated August 8, 2003, issued on a foreign counterpart application. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

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